

**Fine Arts Connections/General Music
McDonough Middle School**



McDonough Middle School will provide an Exceptional Learning experience that promotes Powerful Learning for Purposeful Living. Our mission is to create college and career ready learners by personalizing learning, developing student agency, providing choice, and engaging learners in relevant experiences. We will ensure each learner will achieve academic success.

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Room Number: #309

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School Year: 2019-2020

Tutorial Days: Fridays as announced

**Textbook: Various Classroom Resources,
Alfred Recorder Method Book 1, Alfred Adult
Piano Method Course**

Tutorial Hours: 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Tutorial Location: Room # 309

General Music- Enhances previous coursework through more in-depth exploration of creating, performing and responding to music, while connecting the world of music to other areas of learning and personal endeavors. This will assist in career and college readiness as per Georgia Standards of Excellence/ Henry County /CCRPI/CTAE Standards. The class will integrate concepts from the Math, Social Studies, Science and Language Arts Curriculum to enhance comprehension in Music, as well as to improve student performance on standardized tests.

Georgia/Henry County Schools/GSE Standard Objectives

Academic Integrity Statement: Plagiarism and cheating is unacceptable, and will not be tolerated. Copying the work of others or having someone else do your work for you is a violation of the student code of conduct, and will result in a lowered or failing grade. It is hoped that students put a concerted effort into completing assignments and practicing.

Anti-Hazing/Anti-Bullying Statement: ***Hazing and/or Bullying is not allowed in Henry County Public Schools.*** If there are any concerns, please notify the Band Director/General Music Teacher immediately. Anyone who engages in hazing or bullying will be subject to disciplinary action in the interest of student safety.

Conduct Expectations, Behavior Management and Class Rules: Student Conduct Expectations are set forth in accordance with the Henry County Schools Student Code of Conduct as explained in the student handbook. My class rules are:

- **No talking, playing instruments or blowing while the teacher is talking. Please follow directives at all times in the interest of instruction and student safety.**
- **Respect yourself and others**
- **Eating is not allowed during class, except for special occasions as determined by the teacher.**
- **Keep side bar conversations to a minimum.**
- **No throwing....especially drumsticks.**
- **Our instruments are not toys...please be careful with them.**
- **No cell phone usage is allowed. Please do not have your phone visible in class, and it should remain in your locker during instructional time.**
- **Please demonstrate good audience and performer etiquette during class, practical exams, and performances. Students will lose grade points if proper etiquette is not demonstrated.**

Consequences for not following the rules:

1st infraction- remind student of conduct expectations.

2nd infraction- Warning and student conference.

3rd infraction- Phone call home to parent.

4th infraction- See you after school for detention.

5th infraction- Parental Conference requested, referral to Assistant Principal/Principal for further disciplinary action and loss of class rewards.

Grading Scale

100-90=A

89-80=B

74-79=C

73-70=D

69-0=F

Grading Criteria:

- 40 % Classwork, Class Participation, Formative Assessment, Quiz Grades/Notebook Checks, Homework
- 40 % Public Performances/Practical Exams in class as assigned
- 20% Semester Summative Assessment- Winter and or Spring Concert/ or Special Project

Please note that practical exams, performances and field trips/performance evaluations and class activities relative to playing an instrument may be recorded (audio and/or video) for instructional purposes and for the school website/ teacher webpage.

Class Goals: Our class goals are inclusive of: Georgia/Henry County Schools/GSE Standard Objectives

- performing on at least one instrument (recorder or piano keyboard accurately and independently simple rhythms and accompaniments.
- listening to, analyzing and describing music.
- Evaluating music and music performances
- Reading and notating music
- Connecting music to history and culture

Make Up/ Extra Credit Policy: Students may make up written assignments if there is an extenuating circumstance such as illness, family crisis, death in family, board approved field trips, doctor's appointments, etc. The teacher needs to be notified of the circumstance via a note, phone call or email from a parent and make –up work will be assigned on a case-by-case basis. **This work must be made up within one week of said absence.** Performances done outside of normal school hours (evening concerts, weekend performances, after school performances will receive extra credit. **Performance- based exams scheduled during the school day that are missed due to the student's refusal to perform or an unexcused absence cannot be made up and will affect a student's grade.**

Additional Field Trips (Pending Administrative Approval)

Atlanta Symphony Hall

Cobb Energy Center

Clayton County Performing Arts Center

Other Required Supplies Include:

- 1 inch Three Ring Black Binder with ten or more-page protectors for sheet music, along with loose leaf paper. Please be advised that grade point deductions go into effect on Thursday, September 5, 2019.



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Acknowledgment of Receipt: By signing below, the student and parent/guardian acknowledge that they have read and understood the contents in the McDonough Middle School 2019-2020 Band Syllabus.

***PLEASE SIGN & RETURN BY**
Thursday, September 5, 2019

Student Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Email _____

Parent Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Contact # _____